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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/631,927	Applicant(s) HARA, SHINICHI	
	Examiner Filip Zec	Art Unit 3744	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-10, 12, 14-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,813,233 to Okuda et al. Looking at FIG. 20 of Okuda, one notices the elements claimed by the applicant, namely a cooling system comprising a radiational cooling part (41, 42) spaced apart from the cooled optical element (39); a temperature sensor (52-55, FIG. 27) as input to a controller (FIG. 28) for controlling the constant (col 17, lines 40-62) temperature of the optical element at a predetermined value (col 18, lines 1-15); a shielding element (16, FIG. 8) for protection; a coolant channel for coolant to flow through (50, FIG. 24); a cold plate (2, FIG. 9); a Peltier element (1, FIG. 9) and a radiator block (3, FIG. 9) containing the coolant channel.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11, 13 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,813,233 to Okuda et al., in view of U.S. Patent 6,098,408 to Levinson et al. Okuda discloses

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applicant's basic inventive concept, a radiation cooling system spaced apart from the cooled optical element, substantially as claimed with the exception of stating that the optical element cooled is a mirror having a light which passes through at a wavelength of 10-15 nm. Levinson shows a radially cooled mirror (col 1, line 55) having a light passing through it at a wavelength of 5-70 nm to be old in the cooling art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made from the teaching of Levinson to modify the system of Okuda, by specifying the mirror as a cooled element in order to lessen the error in optical temperature sensing.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent 6,326,610 to Muramatsu et al. teaches an optical sensor including a temperature control.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Filip Zec whose telephone number is (703) 306-3446 or (571) 272-4815. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, with the exception of every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Esquivel can be reached on (703) 308-2597 or (571) 272-4808. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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